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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Previously presented) A method for providing xDSL/POTS line sharing for multiple subscribers, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) accessing a telephone line supporting POTS services destined to a first subscriber;
- (b) multiplexing xDSL services with said POTS services over said telephone line for delivery to a second subscriber; and
- (c) splitting the xDSL services from the POTS services at a remote location outside a residence of at least one of said subscribers.

2. (Previously presented) The method described in claim 1 further comprising the step of:

- (d) forwarding the POTS services to the first subscriber.

3. (Previously presented) The method described in claim 1 further comprising the step of:

- (d) forwarding the xDSL services to a second subscriber.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously presented) A system providing POTS/xDSL line sharing for multiple subscribers over a single telephone line, the system comprising:

- (a) a xDSL interface located at or near a central office for sending to and receiving xDSL signals from a first subscriber;
- (b) a POTS interface located at or near the central office for sending to and receiving POTS signals from a second subscriber;

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- (c) a splitter/coupler for multiplexing both xDSL and POTS signal over a single telephone line and for splitting xDSL and POTS signals received over said telephone line; and
 - (d) a second splitter located at a remote location outside a residence of at least one of said subscribers for separating said POTS signals from said xDSL signals and for forwarding said POTS signals to the second subscriber.
6. (New) A system for providing xDSL/POTS line sharing for multiple subscribers, the system comprising:
- (a) means for accessing a telephone line supporting POTS services destined to a first subscriber;
 - (b) means for multiplexing xDSL services with said POTS services over said telephone line for delivery to a second subscriber; and
 - (c) means for splitting the xDSL services from the POTS services at a remote location outside a residence of at least one of said subscribers.
7. (New) The system described in claim 6, further comprising:
- (d) means for forwarding the POTS services to the first subscriber.
8. (New) The system described in claim 6, further comprising:
- (d) means for forwarding the xDSL services to a second subscriber.